



IOWA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Commission met on September 22, 2016, in Des Moines. The Commission took the following action:

Administrative Rules Update. At its June 2016 meeting, the Commission was informed that, in practice, the newly adopted “growler” rule, Administrative Rule [185-4.6\(123\)](#), unintentionally prevented class “C” beer permit holders and industry members from offering tastes of beer to consumers under any circumstances. The Commission was presented with a proposed corrective amendment. The amendment was approved. The Administrative Rules Review Committee approved the amended rule unanimously on October 11, 2016. The first possible effective date of amended Rule 185-4.6(123) is November 16, 2016.

Financial Update. The Commission was briefed on the current financial status of Iowa’s alcohol industry. According to calculations provided by the Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD), liquor sales totaled approximately \$299.9 million for FY 2016. Overall, liquor sales increased 4.0% compared to FY 2015. The ABD also reported a gross profit of \$99.6 million for FY 2016, an increase of 3.5% when compared to FY 2015 gross profits.

Update: Comprehensive Review of Iowa Code Chapter 123 Working Group. Prior to adjournment, the Commission received a brief update on the work of the Iowa Code Chapter 123 Working Group. The Group is comprised of representatives from the ABD, the Department of Public Safety, and the Economic Development Authority, as well as various public and private industry members. The Group was formed to collaboratively analyze the current state of Iowa’s alcoholic beverage industry, focusing specifically on regulatory mechanisms, public safety, and emerging economic trends.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board has not been determined at this time.

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